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## FATAL COLLISION.

Engineer and Fireman Killed on the Grand Trunk Railway.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Jan. 24.—A fatal head-on collision occurred on the Grand Trunk main line near Port Union last night, resulting in the instant death of Driver Wm. Hutton and Fireman Henry Mack, of a light freight engine, which, when going to Port Union for water, pitched into an east-bound freight train. The fireman of the east-bound train was injured, but not seriously. Both victims were residents of York. Hutton was a married man.

## NOTES FROM VANCOUVER.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Jan. 24.—James Seider was found on Deadman's Island today in very destitute circumstances. He was picked up by a city detective, and was in a condition of imminent danger from starvation.

Tenders for the supply of hay and horse feed for the city were all refused yesterday, the prices being fifty per cent. higher than last year.

A meeting of merchants last night found three dealers still holding out against doing away altogether with trading stamps.

## PLAGUE INFECTED PORT.

(Associated Press.)

Adelaide, South Australia, Jan. 24.—The Australian colonies have declared Adelaide a plague infected port.

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 24.—The bubonic plague has broken out at Rosario, and a rigorous cordon has been established at that place.

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## Waiting For News

There is Great Anxiety in London

Regarding Recent Events

of the Front.

War Office Officials Say Nothing

Has Been Received From

Buller.

(Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 24.—2:45 p.m.—The extreme tension caused by what may justly be designated the most anxious pause since the war began, had not been relieved up to the time of writing by anything save the daily stock exchange rumor, which happened to have started today by the "bulls" who assert that Gen. Warren has captured Spion Kop.

Anxiety in regard to the next news is visible on all sides.

The war office was besieged at an early hour this morning and the clubs and other resorts, liable to receive early news, have been crowded with eager inquirers.

It is generally recognized that the Boer position, if ever taken, can only be captured at a tremendous cost.

Fight at Colenso.

A dispatch from Pretoria dated Tuesday, January 23rd, somewhat amplifies the dispatch on Monday, January 22nd, from the Boer head lager, cabled yesterday afternoon. It says: "Four or five times during the day the British replaced their wearied soldiers by fresh ones. The Boer casualties to date are one man killed and two men slightly wounded. Our men are in excellent spirits. There has been a large slaughter of British. Gen. Botha is now in sole command, Gen. Cronje having been sent elsewhere."

The same dispatch, apparently referring to the situation at Colenso, says: "One of the large Boer Maxims was temporarily disordered but was soon repaired. The British northern camp is in confusion. People are observed tracking aimlessly in all directions."

America's Attitude.

Commenting on Capt. Mahan's attitude the St. James Gazette says: "His advice is good and needed in America. While strict neutrality is maintained in the official world and the good-will for England is felt by the better informed, it is simply misleading the people of this country to suggest, as some correspondents are doing, that antagonism to England is confined to a negligible minority of the Americans. The sympathy of America as a whole is as a matter of fact no more with England at this moment than was our popular sympathy with them in the outbreak of the war with Spain, and the contrast of official and popular attitudes is no less marked in the United States than it is in Germany."

No News.

4:30 p.m.—As the afternoon progresses the excitement on Pall Mall reached a high pitch, but the war office officials reiterated at 3:30 p.m. the oft-repeated statement that "nothing has been received from Gen. Buller."

The suspense was increased by the belief that Gen







## Provincial Legislature

### The Songhees Indian Reserve Question Discussed in the House.

### Settlers in the E. & N. Railway Belt—British Columbia Scouts.

Victoria, Jan. 23, 1900.  
The speaker took the chair at 2:15 p.m. Prayers were read by the Rev. J. C. Vickert. The attendance at the opening was not very large, the galleries being but sparsely occupied.

**Petitions.**  
Mr. Clifford presented a petition from Edward Gibson and others, asking leave to present a petition for a bill to incorporate a company to construct a railway from Victoria to a point on the eastern boundary of the province.

Mr. Speaker announced that the petitions presented yesterday by Mr. Eberts referring to a petition for a school at South Victoria was out of order, as calling for the expenditure of public money.

The petition of the British Columbia Yukon Railway Company opposing a petition for leave to present a petition to incorporate the Lake Bennett Railway Company was read and referred to the railway committee.

**Private Bills Report.**  
Mr. Green submitted the first report of the private bills committee, as given in full in the Times of Jan. 23rd.

**New Bills.**  
The following bills were introduced, read a first time and second reading set for to-morrow:

To amend the Railway Incorporation Act—Mr. Henderson.  
To amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act—Hon. Mr. Henderson.

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Mr. Eberts laid his bill to amend the "Placer Mining Act" and asked leave to bring it in. He stated that he had given notice of one of a similar import.

**Accounts to December.**  
Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Col. Baker, "That a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, asking that he may be pleased to direct that the accounts of revenue and expenditure of the province from last July to 31st December, 1899, be laid before the House."

Speaking to his resolution, Mr. Turner asked a little doubt at the Finance Minister. He said Mr. Carter-Cotton had privately told him that he would not be able to give these accounts, and that the request was unusual. The other day the Finance Minister had said he would never forget and never learned anything. As to the first part of that declaration Mr. Turner did not forget that it was customary for him, when in office, to produce the accounts in December of each year, nor did he forget that those members who were then in opposition persisted in trying to force those statements. Many times he objected, but in 1892, 1893 and 1898 the accounts were produced. As to the other part of the Finance Minister's assertion he had learned something, and that was that when that hon. gentleman was in opposition side of the House he took a very different view with respect to these accounts than he did when in office. He thought Mr. Carter-Cotton had learned something too—he had learned that it was more difficult to produce these accounts to December 31st, than he thought was the case when he used to sit in opposition. Mr. Turner did not think there could be any objection to the resolution.

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton said the government had not the slightest objection to give the hon. gentleman the fullest information and the latest accounts in its power. He must, however, oppose the resolution in the way in which it was framed, because to bring down such accounts as was contemplated would imply a regular audit statement from the Treasury. He thought the hon. gentleman would, on examination, find that had never been done. The abstract of accounts which Mr. Turner referred to the executive would be pleased to afford him, but that abstract had been furnished in the past by the public accounts committee. That committee submitted it in its report to the House. The leader of the opposition had referred to some date, but he had omitted to point out that in those years the House did not meet so early as it did now. As Mr. Turner knew many of the accounts of the agents of the government did not come in until February. An abstract he could have. If he wanted anything further Mr. Carter-Cotton would look up the resolutions. Of course Mr. Turner knew it was a very different thing furnishing an account in January to giving it in March. He (Mr. Carter-Cotton) thought he had better move the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. Turner was willing to accept that. He knew there was considerable difficulty about getting the accounts. He did not want a full detailed statement. If it was possible to get an abstract he would be glad.

Mr. Carter-Cotton—Yes, I will get one as soon as possible and as full as possible.

The debate was adjourned.

**Songhees Reserve.**  
Mr. Helmecken moved the following resolution, seconded by Mr. McPhillips: "Whereas resolutions have at various times been passed by this House for the removal of the Indians from the Songhees Reserve:

"And whereas the maintenance of such reserve is a detriment to the city of Victoria:

"And whereas, lately, an arbitration has been held for ascertaining the price to be paid by the E. & N. Railway Co. for the acquisition of the right of way through such reserve:

"Be it therefore resolved, that this House respectfully urge upon the government the desirability of this matter receiving early consideration, and such steps be taken by the provincial government as will ensure the removal of the said Indians from the said reserve."

The hon. member for Victoria said he knew he had a strong sympathetic ear in the person of the Premier, who desired to bring this matter to a conclusion. But the difficulty was: "Who is to move?" The new Victoria city council had formed a special committee to deal with this matter. He read the resolution passed by the last council, asking that the Songhees Reserve be turned into a public park when the difficulties as to ownership were settled. This showed that the Victoria council was taking a large interest in the matter. The communication between the Dominion and Provincial governments, brought down the other day relating to this subject, contained the last offer of the Dominion Minister of the Interior as to a settlement. The Minister states that the proposition referred to is embodied in a communication from the Dominion Minister to the Honorable J. H. Turner, and dated at Victoria on the 18th September, 1897. It is as follows: "On the provincial government, passing an Order-in-Council concerning, without prejudice, the claims of other government to Indian reserves in the province, in the disposal by the Dominion of the Songhees Reserve, the Dominion government will agree to secure within two years from the date of the said order the removal of the Indians, and to fund for their benefit the land in question. The Indians in respect to Indian Trust Funds, the proceeds derived from the sale of the land comprised in the Songhees Reserve, less such an amount as may be expended in procuring a new location for the Indians, and the removal and rehabilitation of the Indians and in disposing of the land in the present reserve."

Now, said Mr. Helmecken, if the Premier accepted that proposal he would be waiving what was naturally considered the undoubted rights of the province to the Indian land in question. The Indians had never had the slightest objection to remove from the reserve. It was the desire to deal justly by them, and if they could be removed to as good a place as they at present occupied there would be no difficulty in getting them to leave.

On October 1st, 1897, a stock market was committed on that reserve, and there had, up to this time, been no clue to the perpetrator of the dastardly crime. That showed that strong proceedings should be taken at as early a date as possible to bring that land under proper government control. Not only that, it should be brought within the corporation limits so that there could be some proper authority to look after the reserve. He did not want to enter into the question of title, but he did not believe in the right of way arbitration between the Dominion and the E. & N. Railway Co. Some idea as to the value of the land, they should ask the Indians what was the value of the reserve. The arbitration proceedings had resulted in an award against the railway company of something like \$2,400 for seven acres. The company was prepared to pay more. There were 112 acres in all, and the sum mentioned afforded ample scope for the maintenance of the value of the land. The Indians had no desire to compromise parties to the removal proceedings, but would abide by anything fair. But the Indians should not be ignored in the negotiations. They had a right to be consulted. They had not been advised about proceedings as to the arbitration, neither had the provincial government. Mr. Helmecken thought both should have been consulted. Who is the proper party to take proceedings in the matter? He suggested that the provincial government should take the initiative. All the parties were ready. The Indians, the Dominion government and the provincial government, and also the E. & N. Railway Co. It should be easy to bring all these parties together. The local government might be the prime mover and submit a scheme that would suit the Dominion.

Hon. Mr. Semlin said this matter had been brought up in the House for a great many years and was a very interesting subject. This government was just as anxious as was the preceding government to settle it. But in what position were they to settle? Mr. Helmecken would complicate matters by introducing more parties. For many years they had had great difficulty with the Dominion government and now it was proposed to introduce the Equinamit and Nanaimo railway. He did not know how the company would feel in the matter. He did not think the company would desire to enter into the complication and he did not think that the government could recognize any other but the party principally concerned, which was the Dominion government. It was supposed to be the guardian of the Indians. The Dominion insisted that it must control dealings with the Indians. The late government had an offer from the Dominion of a basis of settlement. The hon. gentleman did not see fit to take up that basis of settlement and the matter stood in the same condition as when the late government was in power. The Dominion government had referred the present provincial government to the offer made in its predecessor's day, so far as he knew the Ottawa authorities were not prepared to settle the matter on any other terms. They all know how much it would be in the interests of the province to settle the matter, but they could not consent to giving away provincial rights.

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton said the government was very anxious to do all in its power to bring about a settlement, but there were two or three matters connected with the mode of settlement which the government was bound to consider, and which seemed to be rather ignored in the proposition so far put forward. Of course no one disputed that the Indians had benefited from the use of the reserve, but as far as he could see they had got no more benefit from the use of it from the fact that it was in the city of Victoria than they would have had had it been 50 or 60 miles to the coast. They had not got any increment because the reserve was in a valuable position. They would have just as many benefits if they were 100 miles to the coast and would be better situated for hunting and fishing. Looking at the matter from the provincial point of view it seemed to him that if the province provided a reserve equal in all conditions to the present one, as far as the Indians were concerned, and if they were satisfied that the province would practically

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**WEATHER BULLETIN.**  
Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.  
Victoria, Jan. 24.—5 a.m.—A vast high barometer area has moved up the coast to this province, accompanied by fair weather. It will probably cross the mountain and give place to more unsettled weather during the next 24 hours. Frost has been taken away from the coast, and the snow has fallen on the lower Malahat and snow in Cariboo, and from Swift Current eastward to Lake Superior. A pronounced cold wave is setting in throughout the Territories.

**Forecast.**  
For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday.  
Victoria and vicinity—Easterly winds, fair, with frosts to-night, becoming unsettled on Thursday.  
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Victoria—Barometer, 30.42; temperature, 37; minimum, 37; wind, 3 miles E. rain, .02; weather, snow.  
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San Francisco—Barometer, 30.05; temperature, 48; minimum, 46; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear.

## CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Give your friends Blue Ribbon Tea.

—You boil potatoes but you brew tea. So do so properly consult the directions in the packets of "HONDI".

—Capt. Frank O'Connor, of Dryden, and an ex-captain of the Texas Rangers, came down on the Cottage City yesterday with the avowed purpose of assisting the Boers. He will leave for the front as soon as possible, says the Skegway.

—The only case in the city police court this morning was that of the oft-remanded S. Goodwin, charged with supplying intoxicants to Indians. The case was dismissed, the authorities having secured Goodwin's admission into the Old Men's Home.

—Judging from the number of tickets sold for the concert in the Institute Hall this evening, the attendance will probably be greater than on the occasion of any entertainment in that place for many seasons. The concert program will be sold at the door at ten cents each.

—At the next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, which is arranged for to-morrow afternoon, Trustee Mrs. Gordon Grant will introduce a resolution providing that the salaries of all second division grammar school teachers be made the same. Owing to the fact that this question of salaries is often before the board for discussion, a lively debate is anticipated.

—Forensic eloquence is expected to be the order of the debate at the regular meeting of the Centennial church music parliament this evening, when the premier will introduce a bill affecting a most favorable settlement of the Indian reserve question. The voting will be undoubtedly close, for at the previous session the government were only sustained, in their debate on civil service reform, by the vote of the speaker, a fact that has caused the opposition to be filled with much exultation and hope. All desirous of joining in these instructive and enjoyable discussions are invited to attend.

—The conference to-morrow evening between the City Council and Messrs. Bowdell & Duff, representing the gentlemen responsible for the new proposal regarding the Victoria-Whitby railway project, promises to be of a character no less interesting than important. While the representatives refuse to disclose the names of those behind the scheme, they nevertheless place the council in possession of valuable information on the subject—that the promoters are Victorians. Although the by-law in connection with the project has been declared complete with few amendments and the council are desirous of pressing it forward, still they are favorable to the consideration of any proposition which would secure, and expeditiously bring about, the all-important railway connection with Victoria.

—That the Metropolitan Methodist church choir under the leadership of Mr. Gideon Hicks, are capable of rendering a most delightful and artistic programme, was evidenced by the concert given by them in the school room last evening. The programme was large and appreciative, and each number was very cordially received. Particularly enjoyable was the selection "When Winds Breathe Soft," and the male chorus "Howe." Solos were rendered by Mrs. Gresson, Mrs. Giffin, Mrs. Harte and Misses Lamb and Armon. The Misses Lamb and Herbert were heard to splendid advantage in a duet, with several trios and a quartette contributed to the evening's entertainment. The solo "Lead Them Straight" was sung by Mr. Ash, the chorus being harmonious by taken by the choir. Miss Smith, formerly of Hamilton, gave two enjoyable selections on the violin.

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—With the near approach of Chinese New Year, the inhabitants of Chinatown are busy making great preparations for the occasion, which promises to eclipse any of their previous celebrations.

—The case of Arthur Beattie, who is charged with being implicated with John Pay in an attempt to assault and rob M. Meles, is being heard in the city police court this afternoon. From the evidence now being taken it appears as though the accused was endeavoring to form an alibi.

—The half yearly meeting of the sergeants' mess of the Fifth Regiment, C. A., was held last night at the drill hall after the battalion parade. The officers elected for the ensuing half year were as follows: President, Serg. Major Mulcahy; management committee, Kenneth Sloan, McTavish, and secretary-treasurer, Sergeant Trimen.

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—Mr. W. R. Robertson, provincial mineralogist, on Monday while exhibiting to admiring members of the Legislature a magnificent gold nugget of extraordinary size and shape, was asked by an inquiring one if he picked it up on the floor of the House. "Speech you know is regarded as silver," said the professor, "but silence is golden. Would you expect that to be found on the floor of the assembly?"

—The merchants of this city who are interested in the Klondike capital will be pleased to learn that the fire in Dawson started, as did the other large fires of the far northern city, not in the business portion, but in the residential.

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## Hundreds Volunteer

The Provincial Secretary Alone Has Three Hundred Applications for Service.

"Bunch" Mackintosh Among the Number—Recruiting Stations for Strathcona's Horse.

Up to the hour of going to press today the government had received no further news in regard to the acceptance of the contingent which they have offered to the government for service in South Africa. It is quite evident that the difficulty lies in the matter of transport. The Sardinian was by no means a suitable boat for the purpose, but was accepted by the government in default of any other being available, while during the last few weeks the trouble in securing boats has materially increased. As an instance of the way in which vessels are being impressed for troopships, it may be mentioned that Dr. Bodding, of the insane asylum, who is now in England, writes to friends here saying that he found it impossible to get passage for some time to come on any vessel running into Quebec, and was forced in consequence to take one to New York.

Meantime applications are pouring in from all quarters from young men anxious to serve with the colors. There have been filed in the provincial secretary's office already, even before anyone was named for the proposed recruiting applications, almost two hundred personal offers exclusive of the proffer of one hundred men from Kamloops by the captain of the company there. Major Benson, D.O.C., and Lieut.-Col. Gregory also have received a multitude of applications, which combined would probably equal that of the department.

In addition to those who have volunteered for the ranks, the department have fourteen applications for commissions with the contingent.

It is also known that there are a great number in the city who have refrained from making formal application but who are quietly preparing in order that when the authority to enroll men reached here they may be in a position to enlist. Details in regard to their respective businesses, life insurance, etc., have all been completed, and the men are only waiting the signal to offer their services to the government.

Last night Mr. J. M. Martin, M.P.P., received a letter from "Bunch" Mackintosh, son of the ex-lieutenant-governor, asking him to use his influence to secure him a place on the contingent.

Keen disappointment is expressed among military men as a result of a rumor that the recruiting station for Strathcona's Horse in this province are to be opened in Kamloops, Revelstoke, and Nelson only. If this be true, it would indicate that it is the intention to take only such men as are accustomed to ranching in the interior. It is pointed out that such men, while excellent fighters, are not good shots in the sense that men are regarded as first-class shots in South Africa. They are good men with the pistol and shot-gun, but their experience with the modern rifle is extremely limited compared to that of men who could be picked up by the score around Victoria and who are as well by no means indifferent riders. In spite of this obstacle many of the volunteers declare their intention, if necessary, of going to Kamloops at their own expense to enlist.

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**HAVING A GREAT RUN ON CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.**  
Manager Martin of the Pionier drug store, informs us that he is having a great run on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sells five bottles of that medicine to one of any other kind, and it gives great satisfaction. In these days of the grippe there is nothing like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to stop the cough, heal up the sore throat and lungs and give relief with in a very short time. The sales are growing, and all who try it are pleased with its prompt action.—South Chicago Daily Tribune. For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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## Militiamen Promoted

Long List of Gunners and Non-Coms. Named for Advancement.

List Embodied in a Regimental Order Issued This Morning.

The following regimental orders were issued to-day by Lieut.-Col. Gregory: 5th Regiment Canadian Artillery. The following regimental order was issued: Commanding.

Regimental Headquarters, Victoria, B. C., Jan. 23rd, 1900.

The commanding officer has been pleased to approve of the following appointments:

In No. 2 Company.  
To be company sergeant-major, Color Sergeant Major E. M. Russell; sergeants, Sergeant I. B. Trimen and Corp. W. R. Wilson; corporals, Corp. M. R. C. Worlock, Boibina, A. W. Currie and J. C. Bridgman; bombardiers, Gunners E. R. Vigor, J. McEl Muirhead and A. A. Colquhoun.

In No. 3 Company.  
To be company sergeant-major, Sergt. W. H. Bailey; sergeants, Sergt. R. W. Scott and Corp. H. P. Dickinson; corporals, Bombardier, J. C. Harris and R. W. D. Harris; Gunner, J. E. Whitledge; bombardiers, Gunners W. Richards, J. Irwin and F. J. Fawcett.

In No. 4 Company.  
To be company sergeant-major, Sergt. P. Patton; sergeants, Corp. P. Richardson and W. N. Wainwright; corporals, S. W. Bodley; Bombardier, Walter Winsky and H. Hartley; bombardiers, Gunners C. Graham, I. Gill and J. Caven.

In No. 5 Company.  
To be acting company sergeant-major, Sergt. H. N. Short; sergeant, Corp. V. H. Hitchcock; acting sergeant, Bombardier, C. L. Reynolds; corporals, Bombardier, W. J. Savory and Gunner J. Y. Mairalson; acting corporal, Gunner R. W. Lindsay; bombardiers, Gunners R. Margison and R. Short; acting bombardier, Gunner E. R. Hodgman.

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To be company sergeant-major, Sergt. W. H. Lettice; sergeants, Sergt. R. M. Lorimer and Corp. E. Browne; corporals, Corp. J. W. Leimer, Gunners W. H. Keatinge and H. F. Barnes.

In No. 7 Company.  
To be company sergeant-major, Sergt. R. H. G. POOLEY, Lt. Acting Adjutant.

**ANOTHER STAMPEDE.**  
To Rich Placer Finds in N. W. Territories—It is Thought Once and Clayton May Be There.

According to the news received by the steamer Tees the missing miners on the trail from Dawson, who are thought to have been murdered, will probably be found on the South Fork of Big Salmon, whither there has been a stampede owing to the finding of wonderfully rich placers.

Some days before the Tees sailed Lew Kolser arrived there from the new found placers and quietly began to outfit for a return journey. He got one load in as far as the summit and was to have returned for the balance, but owing to the storms he has had to defer his trip.

The new found placers are on the South Fork of the Salmon river, about one hundred miles north of the Astin country and almost due east from the foot of Lake Laberge. In winter it is approached by going up the Hootallings or Serrano. Mile post and thence across country. Unless broken in winter, the trail is not easily followed, but in summer is said to be well defined.

The new goldfields are in the Northwest Territories, and according to the arrival from there, who has himself a fair sack of coarse gold dust from the ground, one hundred dollars per day is being paid by the primitive workings.

It is barely possible that Clayton and Olsen and the other missing men will be found alive and staking around this new discovery, as it is understood that many people along the trail have heard of it and are working their way in.

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## SHIPPING NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

During yesterday's storm a number of vessels dragged anchor on the Sound, and the steamer Elm Branch, lying at Moran's dock, was torn loose from her moorings and part of the dock was torn loose, and she was blown out into the harbor. She finally brought up off Yeeler dock, where she was held in a mud bank.

The following was received by Mr. Michael, of the Dawson Hotel, from his cousin, Major P. K. Michael, who is serving with Gen. Buller at the front. Major Michael wrote that he expected to start for the relief of Ladysmith about the 29th of December, and that there would be heavy fighting on the road. He says that Buller's force is strong enough to cope with the Boers. The casualties in his regiment have been very slight, and he hopes it will not increase. All the boys are going well, except half a dozen, who are sick with fever. The nature of the country is very sandy, and the heat is intense. Great difficulty was experienced in moving guns on account of the sand being soft. Gen. Buller has said that they will clear the way to Ladysmith in a very short time.

While the bark Ravenscroft, wheat laden for Africa, and the bark Columbia were passing out in tow of the tug Tye on the Sound yesterday morning, the Columbia's hawser fouled the rudder of the Ravenscroft and the two vessels collided. The Ravenscroft struck the Columbia amidships and stove a big hole in her side. Water poured in and the ship began to settle. The tug ran alongside and fastened lines to her. The Ravenscroft was on the other side, and between them they held the ship up. She settled though to her decks. Four hours after the collision the vessel was beached at Salmon Bay. The Ravenscroft lost her bowsprit and had her headgear carried away. The damage to the Columbia is estimated at \$17,000, and that to the Ravenscroft at \$3,000.

United States revenue cutter Daniel Manning has been chosen to replace the cutter Corwin, which is to be sold at auction on the Sound. The Daniel Manning left New York for the Sound on the 8th inst. On arrival at San Francisco she will be fitted out for duty in the Behring Sea. The Manning was built at Boston in 1897. She is of composite type, 300 tons displacement, 255 feet long, 32 feet beam, and draws ten feet of water. She has a speed of eighteen knots an hour under forced draught. Her battery consists of three four-inch rapid-fire rifles, four six-pounders and two Maxim-Nordenfledt one-pound automatic guns. She has a torpedo tube in her bow.

The collector of customs at Port Townsend has been instructed to notify all owners and agents of vessels running to foreign ports, that all vessels coming from foreign ports must in future have proper bills of health, or suffer the extreme penalty of the law—a fine of \$5,000. In the past the penalty has usually been imposed, but nearly always remitted.

**STEAMER BIGHORN MARU**, which will sail for the Orient on Friday, will carry among her cargo—seventeen boxes of dead Chinamen's bones shipped from the Eastern States. She will have five thousand bales of cotton for Nagasaki, 1,500 tons of flour and several hundred tons of general merchandise.

**STEAMER QUEEN** will sail for San Francisco this evening. Among those booked to sail by her are: A. Shield, W. A. Bernard, Mrs. J. Harman, Miss Phillips, Miss Hughes, Mrs. Clark, Mr. Dwyer and wife, Reg. J. S. Mahood, Mr. G. M. King and Miss C. E. Cameron.

A steamer passed Outer Point at 9:30 this morning and steamed on up towards the Sound. Her name was not learned. It is thought that she was the steamer Nanyo Maru, now due to load flour for the Orient, under charter of the Centennial Mills, for Yokohama.

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## Sorby Harbor Scheme

Committee Met This Morning and Discussed Boring to Be Made.

Correspondence on the Subject Between Mr. Sorby and Sir Louis Davies.

The committee in charge of the Sorby harbor improvement scheme met in the committee room of the city hall this morning, and discussed the contemplated boring in the harbor, as well as the purchase of a machine necessary for the performance of the work.

Those present were: Mayor Hayward, Aldermen Cooley, Yates and Brydon, and Messrs. Sorby, T. B. Hall, D. R. Harris, McGraw, and Secretary Dowler.

The mayor, in opening proceedings, stated that the object for which the meeting was called was in regard to the appropriation made by the recent council for the purchase of a machine in the East. Mr. Sorby had been in communication with the owners of the apparatus, and had received no satisfactory information from them as yet. Mr. Gore, however, intended shortly making a trip to the East, and the question to decide was whether or not it would be advisable for him to go to Chicago and investigate the machine. They had with them, however, Mr. D. R. Harris, who has had considerable experience in drills and making borings, and who would give his ideas on the subject, and perhaps undertake the work.

Mr. Harris was of the opinion that it was not necessary to send East for machinery to bore holes, as he was certain available boring apparatus could be secured here. The same machine would be utilized in boring holes in a harbor as in doing the same work in the street. Mayor Hayward stated that the question in a great degree was one of expense, and consequently it would be desirable to hear for what sum Mr. Harris could undertake the work.

Mr. Harris replied that, in order to give his estimate it was necessary that he be informed the number of holes required to be bored. As far as rocks or boulders were concerned it was a matter of making the boring, and putting in a shot, but of course the expense must regulate the entire proceedings. The mayor replied that he understood that twenty-six holes were necessary to be bored at approximately one hundred feet apart.

Ald. Cooley advocated securing the apparatus in this city if possible. In reply to a question by Mr. Hall, Mr. Gore stated that the machine referred to was made in Chicago, and had been utilized in work of a similar nature as that required here. It was not exactly a force pump, but something of the nature of a diamond drill.

The mayor said it was not a very material question as to the amount inside the drum, because the difference between the cost of removing the rock and earth was not of great moment. Mr. Harris and Mr. Gore were positive that the harbor could not be bored with the ordinary hand augur, while Mr. Harris was of the opinion that there were a number of boulders to be encountered in making the borings. He estimated the cost of boring in the rock at \$2.50 to \$3 per foot. If a boulder rested on a rock, and it was necessary to make the boring through it, the sediment would show when they had reached the rock.

Mr. Sorby, however, would not make a boring through the boulder, but would probe around it so as to ascertain its extent. As far as the boring was concerned, in some parts of the harbor it felt would have to be penetrated, which with the 12 feet of water would make fully 30 feet. These borings were certainly a necessary portion of the information.

Ald. Brydon expressed his opinion that Mr. Harris was prepared to give an estimate as to what he will make the borings for, well and good. On the other hand, he was not certain whether the funds would allow of Mr. Gore's trip to Chicago. If the machine was as good as represented here was it that the owners were so reticent as to giving Mr. Sorby information, and yet they were eager to make the sale for \$200?

Mr. Gore replied that the machine in question was for useful deep water boring, but Ald. Brydon, continuing, held it was not a good principle for the council to attempt to secure a machine on a person's recommendation but the owners for then if not suitable it could be rejected.

Mr. Harris knew of a machine here with all the necessary appliances, and as the work would probably be done by contract, he did not think the committee should bother their heads about securing the apparatus.

Ald. Yates favored keeping the money in the city if possible; that was of course if the work could be done according to recommendations. In reply to Mayor Hayward, Mr. Harris said that in a week's time he would be in a position to give a figure, at which he could perform the work, including the cost of hiring machine, and labor per diem.

The following correspondence between Mr. Sorby and Sir Louis Davies was then read, being a recitation of matters as they now stand:

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The Hon. Sir Louis H. Davies, M.P.,  
Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.

My dear Sir:—I am greatly obliged by the frank statements in your letter of the 20th December, and I feel free to ask your careful consideration of the following simple facts of the case, I do so with every deference, relying on the merits of the case as my best advocate.

When the commissioners of Montreal harbor started the work of improvement they purchased an estate, and had no valid property to offer, and therefore, appeared before the money market under the most

disadvantageous circumstances, and consequently had to pay six and a half and seven per cent interest. All the money they obtained was expended on works of public utility, creating and building up an estate which ultimately enabled them to reduce by consolidation this rate of interest to 4 per cent, and in 1897, they fitted out from your government, to the value of \$1,000,000, under the act of 1898, to 3 per cent.

It is a fundamental principle of all investments carried on with borrowed capital that the fixed charges should be kept in line with the lowest possible figures. Consider for one moment the millions that have been diverted and sent out of the country in excessive interest payments, in question, but have received no satisfactory information from them as yet. Mr. Gore, however, intended shortly making a trip to the East, and the question to decide was whether or not it would be advisable for him to go to Chicago and investigate the machine. They had with them, however, Mr. D. R. Harris, who has had considerable experience in drills and making borings, and who would give his ideas on the subject, and perhaps undertake the work.

1. Before any work can be attempted, the harbor commissioners would have to acquire and control all water rights within the limits of the port of Victoria.

2. The whole of the properties situated on the harbor including all their rights and landing dues, can be purchased for about \$2,100,000.

3. Of these there are 78 properties abutting on the harbor, 70 of which are improved, occupied, profitable properties. These occupied properties yield a present rental of about \$78,124, and are liable to municipal taxes of about \$13,024, to which we may add about 15 per cent. for contingencies, leaving a net annual rental of about \$65,100. To this revenue from rental, has to be added about \$65,000 for harbor dues that are now taken over the wharves, making a total annual revenue of about \$130,100. These figures have been verified by expert committees of investigation appointed by the municipality.

4. Now, we can purchase the properties adjoining this harbor for about \$2,100,000, and if we add to this parliamentary and other costs, and possible contingencies, we may assume this figure at \$2,500,000, and taking the rate of interest at 3 per cent, we enter upon a liability of about \$75,000 per annum, with a revenue of about \$130,100. Discounted as you will, it is beyond the possibility of risk.

5. The guarantee of the government might make a difference in the rate of interest of about 1 per cent—that is to say, about \$23,500 per annum, which would be taken away from Canada, instead of being invested in reproductive works of public utility, which would yield again about 5 per cent. This would be a direct loss to Canada, in interest alone, over a period of fifty years, of about \$1,175,000, or say, a possible dead loss of two and a quarter millions on this item alone. Is this the policy of the Liberal government? I think not.

6. Now, there are apparently four courses open:

(a) A government loan to the commissioners, as at Montreal, Quebec, and other parts, of say, \$2,500,000, at 3 per cent, leaving the harbor commissioners to make the best use they could of the surplus revenue to take away from Canada, instead of being invested in reproductive works of public utility, which would yield again about 5 per cent. This would be a direct loss to Canada, in interest alone, over a period of fifty years, of about \$1,175,000, or say, a possible dead loss of two and a quarter millions on this item alone. Is this the policy of the Liberal government? I think not.

(b) A government loan, not exceeding \$1,000,000, to the harbor commissioners, to enable them to complete the whole of the work in the upper and lower harbor; to be advanced by instalments of, say, \$250,000, as before; \$250,000 for the completion of the lower harbor (\$450,000, and \$1,500,000 for the completion of the upper harbor.

(c) A guarantee of the payment of the interest and repayment of the principal of the amounts to those before specified, on the terms of the Draft Act submitted to you last session.

(d) A grant of aid equal to the difference in interest between the loan guaranteed and unguaranteed.

The point is one not only of keeping the fixed charges down to the lowest possible figure, but retaining the money saved in Canada, and expending it exclusively upon works of public utility that in themselves would be reproductive, and would also add to the prosperity of the Dominion.

One per cent, on five and a half millions would be \$55,000 per annum, or \$2,750,000 for interest alone over the period of fifty years, representing a probable contingent loss of nearly double that amount to the Dominion of Canada. I cannot think this to be part of the policy of the Liberal government.

I commend these points to your most favorable consideration, but the details can be best thrashed out in conference, as previously suggested by yourself and the Honorable Mr. Fielding.

I have the honor to be,  
Yours faithfully,  
THOS. C. SORBY.

29th January, 1900.  
Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, Canada.

My dear Sir:—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 26th December, in which you ask my careful consideration of a full statement of the facts in reference to your proposal for the establishment of harbor works in the city of Victoria.

I shall take an early opportunity of laying your letter in its entirety before my colleagues, and obtaining their mature consideration.

Yours faithfully,  
THOS. C. SORBY.

conclusion as to the policy that will be adopted with reference to this proposal.

Yours faithfully,  
L. H. DAVIES.  
The Hon. Sir Louis H. Davies, M.P.,  
Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.

Victoria, B.C., 15th Jan., 1900.  
The Hon. Sir Louis H. Davies, M.P.,  
Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.

My dear Sir:—I am much obliged by your letter of the 15th inst., asking you would lay my letter of the 20th Dec., with reference to the proposed harbor improvements, before your colleagues.

When in Ottawa last session I had a conference with the Hon. Mr. Sifton with reference to the Southern Indian reserve, a tract of about 112 acres that juts out into the harbor with a frontage of about 2,500 yards on its waters. A good deal of correspondence has taken place between the federal government and the government of this province, and of the city of Victoria, as to the urgent necessity for the removal of the Indians from this central position, where they are a nuisance and a menace to some other place which they are equally undesirable to their residents and less objectionable to the white population.

The difficulty in settling the question has been with the reversionary interests in the land, both the government and the city putting forward claims the merits of which, however, are beside the present purpose. My suggestion to the Minister of the Interior was that the Indian Department should grant a lease for a long period of this reservation in the harbor commissioners (and a branch of the Public Works Department), on behalf of whom I might concern, on terms to be agreed upon. It is, of course, absolutely essential that the government should assign to the harbor commissioners all future rights in this property, as the commissioners must of necessity control the whole water frontage. This course would meet all difficulty at once.

The terms I suggested were these: Suppose, for argument's sake, the cost to the department of removing the Indians to another site would be \$20,000 for land and \$100,000 for their removal and resettlement, a total sum of \$120,000, which the commissioners should pay interest as if it were a loan made to them by the government. The recent valuation of this land by arbitration has been determined at \$340 per acre, which multiplied by 105 acres, the residue of the land, would represent a capital value of \$35,700, the reversion of which is in dispute.

Now, I suggest paying 3 per cent, on the sum of \$120,000, and advancing the money to Montreal for similar purposes, as a rent charge, and leave all questions of ownership for settlement between the parties interested, thus we should have interest on costs incurred, \$3600, and interest on the value of land of \$1,050; total rent to be paid by the harbor commissioners, \$1,950 per annum; and this, of course, we could very well pay out of surplus revenue, as referred to in my letter of the 20th Dec., 1899, towards which, however, we should have the present rental of \$417, which is the total revenue at present received by the Indian Department from the property.

The department's right to grant leases on behalf of the Indians is unchanged, but their right to alienate is open to doubt. This solution is within all admitted rights and would remove the greatest drawback to the harbor works at the present time. The property would still be under government control, and the Indian Department would increase the revenue from the reserve from \$417 to \$1,071, practically without expense to the government.

I state that I have laid before the Hon. Mr. Sifton for his information. The financial aspect is this: The harbor estate would be increased by 165 acres, having a water frontage of about 2,500 yards, which would be immediately increased in value by reason of the improvements contemplated to the harbor. The E. & N. railway would have ample room for expansion on favorable terms. Manufacturers would spring up, roads be laid, and business revived, and a handsome revenue would be secured from ground rents and from increasing trade within a few years. This would be a valuable asset and a further security to the guarantors. It would add considerably to the value of the undertaking and tend to develop trade.

I trust this phase of the undertaking will commend itself to you, favorable consideration.

When the time is ripe it would possibly facilitate matters if I were to come over to Ottawa, as I am probably more familiar with all the facts, figures, and details, and better able to explain all points relative to the undertaking that might seem doubtful, than any other person.

I have the honor to be,  
Yours faithfully,  
THOS. C. SORBY.

The committee then adjourned until next Wednesday morning.

Personal.

E. E. Peabody, of Seattle, is at the Driford.

W. C. Marsh, of Bennett, is at the Dominion.

D. R. Dwyer, of Cape Nome, is at the Victoria.

R. E. Lyons, of Ottawa, is a guest at the Victoria.

John Cunningham, of Vancouver, is at the Dominion.

W. J. Snodgrass, of Okanagan, is at the Dominion.

Alex. Shields, of London, England, is a guest at the Driford.

D. McMillan, of San Francisco, is registered at the Driford.

Robert W. Barclay, of Tacoma, is a guest at the New England.

S. P. Maynard and wife, of Port Townsend, are at the Victoria.

W. H. Hayward, of Metehosin, is registered at the New England.

A. B. Clute and wife, of San Francisco, are registered at the Dominion.

Charles Xuen, Chinese capitalist, of Portland, is a guest at the Victoria.

IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Now that the various committees are getting down to work the lobbies of the legislature are full of bustle from 10 o'clock in the morning until the House rises in the evening. To-day the private bills committee held its second session. Among the lawyers interested in the bills before that body are Messrs. Duff, Taylor, Macdonell, Belyea, Robertson and Higgins. Mining men, too, are somewhat numerous within the precincts these days. The mining committee, by the way, has just organized with Fred Miner, J. M. Kellie as chairman, and Rossland's active representative, Mr. J. M. Martin, as secretary. Fortunately for the peace of mind of the mine owners there are a fewer number than usual of suggested amendments to the mining acts. The feeling on both sides of the House just now is, "Don't bother with the mining laws," as Col. Baker elegantly put it the other night.

That less noticeable, but still important committee, the printing committee, will meet to organize to-morrow morning. No doubt the ever useful Mr. Kidd will be given the chairmanship. Another committee which will sit down to business on Monday is the railway committee. That body will then have before it the bills yesterday introduced by Messrs. Green and Kellie, the one referring to the Atlin Railway Co. and the other to the Chilcat Pass Railway and Navigation Company.

The Allen Act.

The Allen Act of last session continues to excite the questions of bonhomie. Mr. Heineken is to ask the Premier to-day: "(1) At what date was the communication referred in the report of the Minister of Justice contained in the return relating to the acts passed by the legislature during the session of 1899 in chapter 50—an act to amend the Placer Mining Act, received? (2) What reply (if any) was made to the recommendation therein contained? (3) When was such dispatch forwarded?"

Still Angling.

The opposition has been trying, ever since the session opened, to attract one member from the government side. Of course it has failed. With the parties remaining as they are this will be a session of close divisions. Nineteen to eighteen will be the usual figure for a time. That was the vote when Mr. Turner's motion was defeated on the opening day.

More Volunteers.

Hon. J. Fred Hume, Minister of Mines, has received from Provincial Constable W. C. Forrester, of Ymir, a petition signed by 20 or 30 miners, packers and prospectors of Ymir, "all fair riders, crack shots and used to the hills," asking to be allowed to join the British Columbia scouts. They highly appreciate the action of the government.

Private Bills Committee.

The private bills committee met this morning at 10 and proceeded to consider the petition of Michael King for leave to present a petition, as the time limited by the rules, owing to Mr. King's absence and a misunderstanding between parties interested in the promotion of the bill, had expired. Mr. Higgins appeared in support of the petition. Mr. Cassidy appeared on behalf of the British Columbia-Yukon Railway Co., which is opposing the granting of the indulgence asked by Mr. King. After the matter had been debated for some considerable time the committee concluded to adjourn the further consideration of the matter until Friday, the 20th inst., at 10 a.m.

The committee then disposed of the following petitions:

East Kootenay Telephone Co.  
Vancouver Seaford Island Railway.  
Vancouver & Westminster Railway.  
North Kootenay Water Power Co.  
Rock Bay & Sappan River Railway.  
Chinaman & Alberni Railway.  
Kittimat Chelodona Co., Ltd.

The committee also decided to recommend for days extension of time for the reception of private bills, which expires to-morrow.

They will meet again on Friday, the 20th inst., at 10 a.m. sharp, when the following petitions will be taken up:

British Columbia-Yukon Railway.  
Snohomish of New Westminster.  
Petition of the Imperial Pacific Railway Co.

To Protect Elk.

A deputation consisting of Mr. D. E. Campbell, W. J. Johnston and John T. Grant, accompanied by Mr. H. P. McKee, M.P., waited upon Attorney-General this morning to urge the protection of the bull elk, which, unless protected vigorously, will be exterminated. The Attorney-General promised to give the matter his earnest attention as he considered it a step in the proper direction.

Public and Private Bills.

In all there were five public and private bills introduced yesterday.

Measures for the incorporation of the Atlin Railway Co. (Mr. Kellie) and the Chilcat Pass Railway & Navigation Co. (Mr. Green) were introduced, read a first time, and referred to the railway committee.

Hon. Mr. Henderson's bill to amend the Notaries Appointments Act has for its object to enact bill No. 12 of the present session's list, contemplates that no more notaries public shall be appointed for restricted sections of the public—in other words, that notaries public appointed in the province shall have authority to act in any part of the province.

Re-enacting Anti-Chinese Legislation.

Mr. H. D. Heineken's bill to amend the Tramway Incorporation Act is virtually the same measure that passed the House last session, for the purpose of enabling mine owners to construct short tramways to deliver their ores at the nearest railway lines, instead of necessitating the building of spurs from the lines to the mines by the railways.

One of the most important bills contained in section 6, practically re-enacting the disallowed Chinese Japanese exclusion legislation of last session, which reads: "No Chinese or Japanese person shall be employed in the construction or operation of any undertaking authorized by this act, under a penalty of five dollars per day for each and every Chinese or Japanese person employed in contravention of this section, to be recovered on complaint of any person under the

provisions of the Summary Conviction Act.

Against Cheap Labor.

Hon. D. McKee's bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, seeks chiefly to prevent the employment of Asiatics in underground mine workings, while aiming to avoid disallowance on the score of discriminatory legislation. It may, however, be described as a measure of four-fold character. In the first place comes this most important section (Clause 3), which—as the President of the Council explains it—will operate for the expulsion of Hungarians, Doukhobors, etc., as well as Chinese and Japanese, and therefore cannot be classed as unconstitutional through discriminating against any particular nation or race. The section reads:

3. No owner, agent or manager of a mine shall employ underground, or allow to be underground for the purpose of employment, in any mine to which the Coal Mines Regulation Act applies, any person who is unable to read the special rules for said mines, as printed in English, and to understand the same to the satisfaction of the inspector.

It is secondly provided that the underground manager (or pit boss) must have passed an examination and be duly certified as second class, mine managers being required to possess first-class certificates.

The third important section of the act provides for the preparation of an accurate plan of the workings of every mine, which must be kept corrected up to date not more than three months back, and be in the office of the owner, agent, or manager of the mine. This plan is required to show the general direction and rate of dip of the strata, together with a section of the strata shown, or if that be not reasonably practicable, a statement of the depth of the shaft, with a section of the seam. This map or plan is to be available (consistently to the inspector, and in the event of abandonment must be filed in the office of the department of the Minister of Mines, to be held secret for a period of ten years, after which it may be available to any interested mine worker, who may be enabled thereby to more intelligently undertake to work adjoining properties. This section of the bill now brought forward is based upon a similar provision in the English law, and is said to be heartily approved by colliery experts.

The fourth and last feature of the bill is very similar to a provision incorporated in the Metalliferous Mines Act last year, providing that:

"Any adjoining owner may apply to the inspector, under this act, for the purpose of learning whether such mine is being worked into his territory, and upon such application being made the inspector shall examine the plans of such mine and make a report thereon to such adjoining owner as to whether his territory is or is not being encroached on."

SCENE IN FRENCH CHAMBER.

A Detachment of Soldiers Summoned to Expel a Deputy.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Jan. 24.—There were exciting scenes in the chamber of deputies to-day. M. Jean Charles Bernard, socialist member for the second district of Bordeaux, violently denounced the statements made by the public prosecutor at the trial of the Assommoirist Fathers, now in progress before the correctional tribunal, and attacked the minister of justice, M. Monis, calling him a scoundrel and a cannibal.

The chamber pronounced itself in favor of the expulsion of M. Bernard from the house, but the deputy refused to withdraw.

The proceedings were temporarily suspended and a detachment of soldiers was marched in, whereupon M. Bernard left the chamber, protesting against his expulsion.

MONTREAL MINING MARKET.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Jan. 24.—Stock market morning board—War Eagle, 265, 200; Payne, 105, 148; Montreal and London, 20, 20; Republic, 110, 104. Sales—War Eagle, 1,000 at 200.

EX-MINISTER PHELPS ILL.

(Associated Press.)

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 24.—Hon. E. J. Phelps, ex-minister to England, is ill with pneumonia at his residence on Whitney avenue.

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## Sporting News.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

VICTORIA VS. VANCOUVER.

Practices for the approaching match with the Vancouver team are being held throughout the week by the Victoria players, and it is those who predict a splendid exhibition of football will probably not be disappointed. Both teams have agreed upon J. D. Quine, captain of the Nanaimo club, as referee. The departure of Mr. Loveland for England necessitates a change in the personnel of the Victoria team, his place being taken by R. H. Pooley.

THE RING.

JACK O'BRIEN U.S.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 24.—Jack O'Brien, who was to meet Frank Erne, of Buffalo, at the Broadway Athletic Club on Feb. 2nd, is ill at Hot Springs, Ark., and has wired the club that he is too sick to fight Erne.

WHY FILIPINOS FIGHT.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 24.—The Herald to-day prints a letter from Senator Mabini, said to be the strongest councillor of Aguinaldo and his congress, which says: "Philippine people do not sustain any systematic hatred against foreigners. On the contrary they received with pleasure and gratitude those who really wish to co-operate for their liberties and prosperity. Filipinos continue to fight against Americans not because of hatred, but to demonstrate that far from being intimidated by indifference on the political situation, they know how to sacrifice themselves for a government which assumes individual liberties, and is administered in conformity with the necessities and desires of its people."

RUSSIAN CONSULATE.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Jan. 24.—Arrangements are being completed for the establishment of a Russian consulate in Canada.

American bark Onaway arrived at the quarantine station this morning in the tug Sea Lion. She will go to Departure Bay to load coal after she has been put through the regular process at the quarantine station. While she was on her way up one of her crew was washed overboard, but fortunately was rescued.

Steamer Miowera, due from Australia and Honolulu, will, it is said, bring no passengers or freight from Honolulu, owing to the prevalence there of the plague. It is said that a number of passengers are coming up on sailing vessels.

In the provincial police court, this afternoon the case is being heard of Mrs. Esther Rogers, of Fulford Harbor, Salt Spring Island, who is charged with retailing liquor without a license.

The Duncan Enterprise is the latest addition to the list of British Columbia newspapers. It is published by Messrs. Smith & Greenwood, the former being the editor.

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